WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Funds under PMRY

937. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds released to Madhya Pradesh under PMRY during the last three years;

(b) the number of the villages benefited as a result thereof; and

(c) the funds proposed during the year 2003-2004?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) Scheme, Rs. 1,49,78,750/-, Rs. 94,98,240/- and Rs. 1,20,20,678/- were released to Madhya Pradesh during 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively.

(b) The Government of India does not maintain the village-wise record.

(c) Rs. 1,49,32,430/- have been released to Madhya Pradesh during 2003-04 under PMRY Scheme.

Targets under PMRY

938. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the annual targets fixed for Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu under PMRY during the last four years, year-wise;

(b) whether the targets were achieved in both the States during the said period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what remedial measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), the details of targets

fixed and achievements for Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu during last four years *i.e.* 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001 -02 and 2002-03 are given in the Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) The reasons for non-achievement of targets include incompletion of pre-disbursement formalities by the applicants, change of activity after recommendation by the Task Force, lack of infrastructure facilities, bunching of applications etc. In order to achieve targets, Government has taken up the matter with the Reserve Bank of India and implementing banks. In addition, various measures that *inter alia,* include liberalisation of certain parameters of the scheme in respect of educational qualifications, activities covered, annual family income, collateral free financing for projects under industry sector, inclusion of Self Help Group, Extension of time for disbursement etc. have also been done. Besides, the States/UTs have been requested to sponsor eligible applicants and to allocate infrastructural facilities to the PMRY beneficiaries on priority basis. Reviews are being held at the Central, State and District levels to monitor the implementation of the scheme.

Statement

Details of targets fixed under PMRY

(A) Targets Fixed and Achievements for Andhra Pradesh during Last Four Years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 (as reported by the State Govt.)

Year	Target Fixed	Achievements (Cases Disbursed)
	Nos.	Nos.
1999-2000	33600	16597
2000-2001	33800	15834
2001-2002	33200	17791
2002-2003	35800	22399
TOTAL:	136400	72621

(B) Targets Fixed and Achievements for Tamil Nadu during Last Four Years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003 (as reported by the State Govt.)

Year	Target Fixed	Achievements (Cases Disbursed)
	Nos.	Nos.
1999-2000	15000	14047
2000-2001	18500	15229
2001-2002	20000	17090
2002-2003	20000	11896
TOTAL:	73500	58262

Foreign market for Khadi products

939. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has taken steps to create a market for superior Khadi products in neghbouring countries like Sri Lanka, Pakistan and other SAARC countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to familiarize Khadi in the country during the past four years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) To familiarise Khadi in the country, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission under the Ministry of Agro and Rural Industries has taken various steps, including following:

(i) Exhibitions have been organized at various levels *viz.* National Level, Zonal Level, District Level throughout the country.

(ii) Participation in India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

(iii) Organising fashion shows and display of designers Khadi in colleges.